



Graphic Organizers for Writing



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DESCRIPTIVE WRITING

Descriptive writing is the creation of an image – how something looks, feels, tastes, sounds, smells, or some combination of the senses.

How to Describe

- Start by identifying the primary sense or senses the object you are describing appeals to
- Your central idea should convey an attitude or impression of what you are describing and its impact on your senses.
- As you present the details of what you are describing, how will you determine the order for presenting them?
- As you describe, make sure that all the details that you give develop your intended impression or attitude. All details should be related to the central idea.
- Make sure your details are exact, concrete, and vivid (size, shape, color, etc.).
- Include figurative language (describing unfamiliar in terms of the familiar). Ask: What is the object like that is familiar to the reader?

Descriptive Writing Topics

Describe:

1. Trees during any season of the year
2. Weather conditions (rain, snowstorm, etc.)
3. A safe place
4. A favorite place to visit
5. A city street
6. A peaceful town
7. Any interesting animals
8. Shopping at any specific time (Christmas, back-to-school, etc.)
9. Your room, your house, etc.

Graphic Organizer For Descriptive Writing

